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Summer Reading Workshops



**Online This Month ...
Organized By Library Size**

Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi is conducting Summer Reading Workshops online this month, but with a unique twist. Library staff can choose the session that best matches their community size, giving youth services staff a chance to talk with colleagues from like-size libraries about how they run their summer programs.

The first 30 minutes will be an introduction to the summer 2020 theme “Imagine Your Story” and a general review of the manual. The next 90 minutes will be facilitated discussion about summer programming. This is a chance to talk with other librarians about their successes and challenges, to get ideas and inspiration. Feel free to attend the session that best matches your needs and come ready to share and discuss!

[Register for an online session based on your library's size:](#)

- **Library Sizes A, B, C:** Tuesday, December 17 from 1:00-3:00PM
- **Library Sizes D, E, F:** Wednesday, December 18 from 1:00-3:00PM
- **Library Sizes G and Above:** Thursday, December 19 from 1:00-3:00PM

Register Today !

WWII Foundation DVDs



Free to Public Libraries and Schools

Saturday December 7th was the 78th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, leading the United States to enter WWII. With the Pearl Harbor anniversary in mind, this news is thanks to Michael May with Carnegie Stout Public Library in Dubuque.

Michael shared on Library Talk that public libraries and schools can write to the **World War II Foundation** to request a collection of free DVDs. Some of the titles are shown in Michael's photo at left: ***Doolittle's Raiders***, ***Omaha Beach***, ***D-Day at Pointe-Du-Hoc***, ***Journey Home to the USS Arizona***, etc.

The World War II Foundation is a non-profit, educational organization, and many of their documentaries have been picked up by American Public Television and shown on PBS stations. The mission of the Foundation is to *“produce educational films and create initiatives recognizing the bravery and enormous contributions made by the veterans and survivors of World War II so that future generations appreciate the determination and sacrifices that enabled perpetuation of our basic freedoms.*

If you would like to request these free DVDs, simply email info@wwiifoundation.org

Read About The WWII Foundation



EDGE 1.0 IS SHUTTING DOWN

Download your Assessment Results and Action Plans by December 31, 2019 at libraryedge.org.

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Turn to Edge 2.0

First this important note—if you completed the **Edge Assessment** using **Edge 1.0**, then be sure to log into your Edge 1.0 account soon to download your Assessment Report and Action Plan. Because by **December 31, 2019** the Edge 1.0 software is shutting down, so we are steering libraries toward **Edge 2.0**.



The new **Edge 2.0 platform** came out in April with many easier, helpful features like:

- Updated assessment questions
- Simplified answer choices = yes / no / in progress
- Peer comparisons reports: compare your results with libraries of similar size, similar budgets, plus compare within your own state or region

Points to Remember:

1. For all libraries needing to develop a long-range plan to meet Standard #17, this is an ideal time to complete the Edge Assessment using **Edge 2.0**. The software generates technology goals to fold into an action plan; those same tech goals can easily be folded into a broader long-range plan.
2. The assessment itself does not require data or numbers. The questions simply ask about the state of your library's technology, for instance: the number of public computers, the newness of software programs, how the library assists patrons with tech questions, how comfortable library staff feel in dealing with tech questions.
3. The Edge is available to all public libraries in Iowa entirely without charge—the State Library has paid for Edge access in 2018, 2019, and again in 2020. So there's still time to "**Take the Pledge and Join the Edge!**" Simply set up an account using **Edge 2.0** and complete the tech assessment—just click below!

About the Edge

The Edge is a technology management tool that guides libraries of all sizes to set measurable, strategic goals for digital services and to engage government and local leaders in meaningful conversations about how public libraries contribute to a digitally literate community.

Edge 2.0 Assessment

This Week ...



Tuesday December 10th, catch another session in the **“Prepping For Accreditation”** series. Intended for libraries needing to apply for re-accreditation in February 2020 (for FY21) this series has also proven helpful for directors and boards looking to increase the library’s Tier status and move from Tier 0-1-2. Choose from a morning or afternoon time slot—**either 10:30AM or 2:00PM.**

Because these are consulting sessions, not intended as workshops, c.e. credit is not awarded. These programs are not found in the C.E. catalog, no advance registration is necessary. Here’s the link to join the conversation <https://zoom.us/s/450969235>

This **Friday December 13**, catch a quarterly **Friday Tech Focus** webinar at **9:30AM**. From the C.E. Catalog *“earn about a new tech or web tool, and discuss how it might be used in a library setting. We’ll also show a “library-ish” (i.e., might be useful to librarians) mobile app and invite others to share their favorite app. Perfect for the busy librarian! Spend 30 minutes learning about a new tool, then stay for informal discussion if you have time.”* **Registration is still open in the C.E.**

Catalog

[Register For Friday Tech Focus](#)

For many library directors and staff, December is the month to gather certification credits and make sure you have enough to renew. If your certification expires on December 31, 2019, then you will need to apply for re-certification in January 2020. Click the button to learn more.

[Re-certification Instructions](#)

District staff will be out-of-office on Wednesday December 11 attending staff meetings in Des Moines. Phones will be answered in Des Moines; you’re welcome to leave phone or email messages for us, we’re back on Thursday.



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